

Illustrated Catalogue  
Descriptive of the

"Economy"  
Wall Desk.

AND

OTHER SPECIALTIES:

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The Cortland Desk Co.  
LIMITED.  
CORTLAND, N.Y.U.S.A.



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OF THE

CORTLAND DESK CO., LTD.

MANUFACTURERS OF

• THE CELEBRATED "ECONOMY" WALL DESK •

AND

THE "FAVORITE" COMBINATION DESK,

CORTLAND, - NEW YORK.

• • • 1890. • • •

# TO THE TRADE.

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In presenting you with our Catalogue for 1890, we have great pleasure in announcing to our patrons, and especially to our Lady patrons, that in addition to our "Economy" Wall Desk, of world-wide reputation, we show in these lists a number of new styles and respectfully ask that you give them more than a passing notice, for by studying these pages those who are interested in Desks will find something to their advantage and profit.

Thanking you for your kind favors of the past, we hope by earnest effort to merit a share of your future patronage, and remain,

Yours respectfully,

CORTLAND DESK COMPANY, LIMITED,

# OUR “ECONOMY” WALL DESK

Is constantly growing in favor with our patrons all over the world, and where room is limited it is THE desk. As its very name implies it economizes in space, and yet its “interior arrangement” is such a marvel of convenience that its capacity is much greater than an ordinary and cumbersome one. Instructions will accompany each one for adjusting to the wall and when thus properly fastened will remain firm as long as desired.

We beg to say to our Lady Patrons, that one of our especial features this season is our

## ELEGANT PARLOR CABINET AND LADIES’ DESK,

A most beautiful and useful article indeed; handsome enough for the adornment of our most luxurious homes, and so useful and convenient that it is indispensable, and when once placed in a room the possessor would not consent to its removal on any account. The old truism is indeed applicable, “a thing of beauty is a joy forever.” We make it in Walnut, Cherry, Cherry Mahogany and Antique Oak.

We claim for our

## “FAVORITE” COMBINATION FLOOR DESK,

More room for library and commercial books and papers, and less floor space occupied, than any other manufactured, and containing the special features of the “Economy.” We make this desk in Walnut, Cherry, Cherry Mahogany and Antique Oak.

The illustrations shown in these pages of

## OUR SPECIAL OFFICE DESKS,

Are good representations of the styles and finish we make, and consist of our No. 30 in oak, a large desk at which to stand while at work; is conveniently arranged and finely finished.

No. 32 is a flat top in Oak, Cherry and Cherry Mahogany or Walnut, with a set of dawers each side, with automatic locks. This desk is to sit at; is convenient for books and papers; nicely finished and well made.

No. 35 is our Roll Top in Oak, Cherry or Walnut. A beautifully finished and artistically constructed desk. An ornament to the most luxuriously appointed office. Especially adapted for the private office of almost any business house, or would as well adorn a library at home.

## NOTICEABLE FEATURES.

All our work this year is greatly improved in beauty of style and finish over previous years' products. Our increased facilities for doing fine work in wood of all kinds in the line of

FURNITURE OR FITTINGS FOR BANK, LABORATORY, LIBRARY, OFFICE OR STORE,  
CASES FOR PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS, ETC.,

Are most excellent, and are prepared to furnish estimates for special work of this nature promptly on receipt of drawings or specifications. We guarantee all our work to be done in a workmanlike manner.

All Wall Desks for this year may be placed for use on table, shelf or counter, as well as adjusted to the wall.

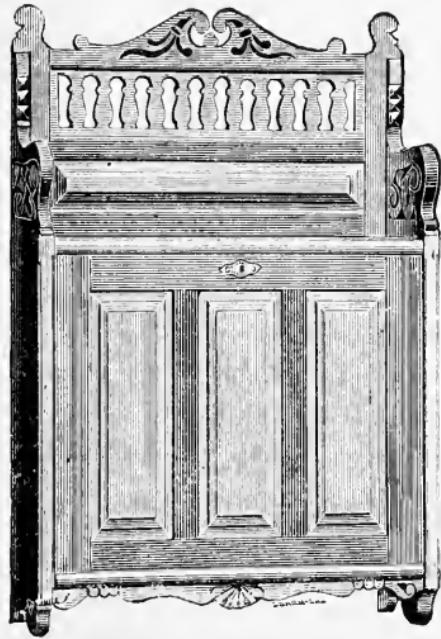
All our goods are finished in best possible manner, filled, varnished and polished. We make no imitation goods and only use the best of Walnut, Oak, Cherry or Cherry Mahogany in their manufacture. The "interior arrangement" is all finished a handsome shade of orange, a marvel in style.

ALL STYLES DESCRIBED HERE WE CARRY IN STOCK.

AND WILL FURNISH GOODS IN THE WHITE IF DESIRED.

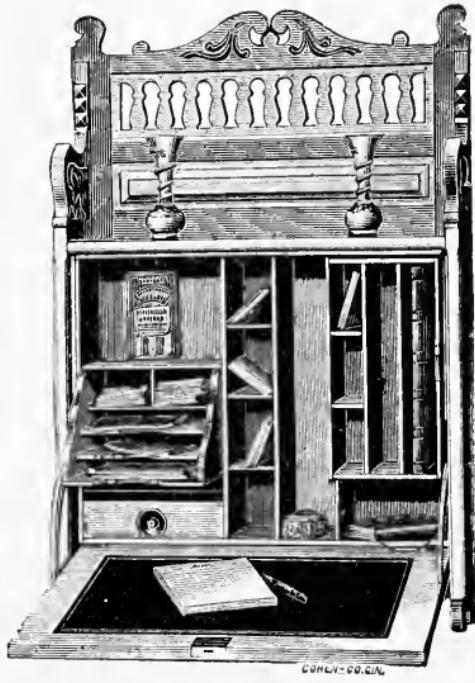
We guarantee as prompt shipment of any special design as is consistent with good work and a fine finish.

**N. B.- All our goods are Patented. All persons are cautioned against using any special feature found in them.**



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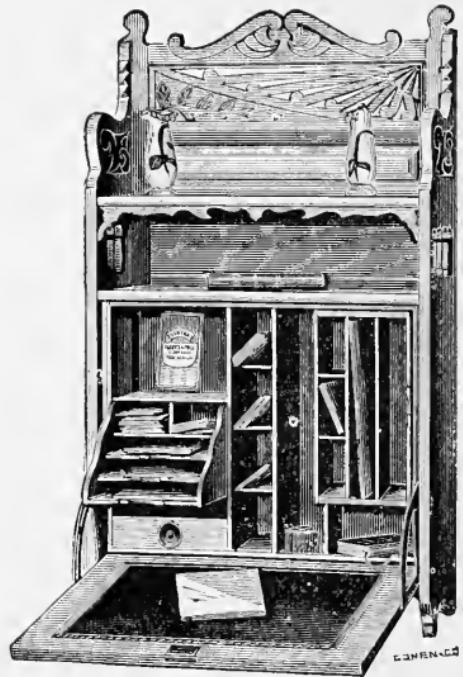


OPEN.

SIZE: Height, 40 inches; width, 26 inches; projects from wall when closed, 9 inches; writing table, 20 x 24 inches; weight, ready for shipment, 65 pounds.



CLOSED.



OPEN.

No. 3.

SIZE: Height, 46 inches; width, 26 inches; writing table, 20 x 24 inches; projects from wall when closed, 9 inches; weight, ready for shipment, 75 pounds.



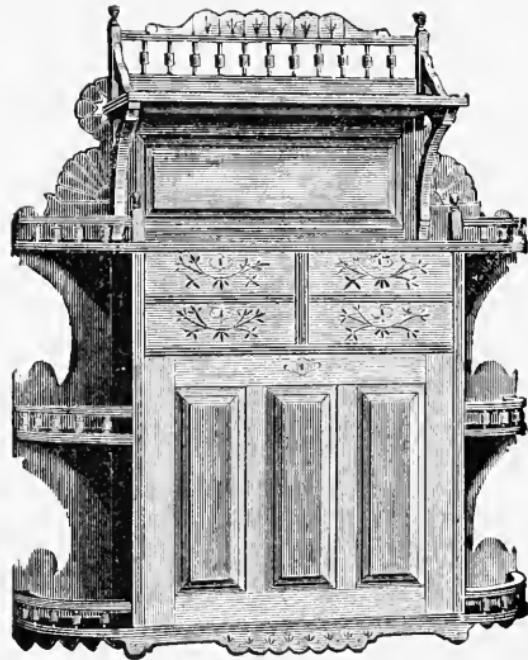
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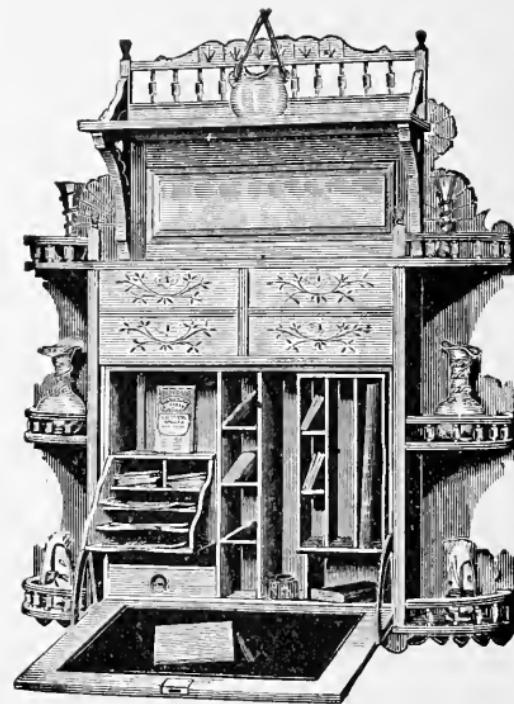


OPEN.

SIZE: Height, 51 inches; width, 26 inches; writing table, 20 x 24 inches; projects from wall when closed, 9 inches; weight, ready for shipment, 75 pounds.



CLOSED.



OPEN.

## New No. 5.

SIZE: Height, 49 inches; width, 40 inches; writing table, 20 x 24 inches; projects from wall when closed, 9 inches; weight, ready for shipment, 100 pounds.



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No. 20.



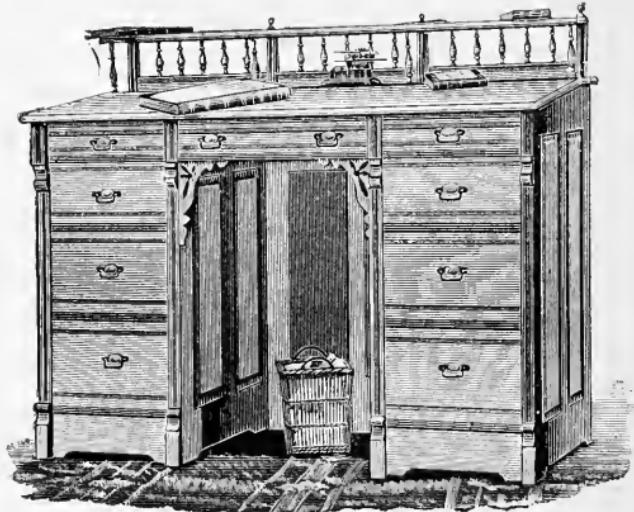
OPEN.

Has same size writing table and interior arrangement for convenience of books and papers as our No. 5, with book case extending to the floor and supported solidly by a broad base, with brie-a-brac attachment the entire length. This desk is elegantly finished in the best manner possible, making a beautiful cabinet, suitable for the ladies, an adornment to the most luxuriously appointed apartments and will please the most fastidious. Floor space, 48 x 14 inches and 6 feet 3 inches high. Weight, ready for shipment, 175 pounds.



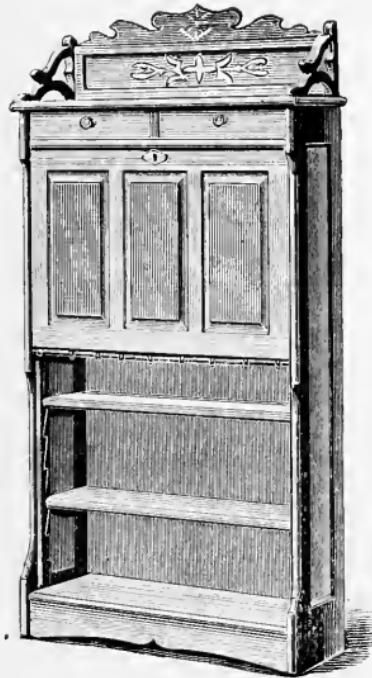
No. 4 1-2.

SIZE: Height, 51 inches; width, 32 inches; writing table, 20 x 30 inches; projects from wall when closed, 9 inches; weight, ready for shipment, 90 pounds. Appears the same as No. 4 when closed.

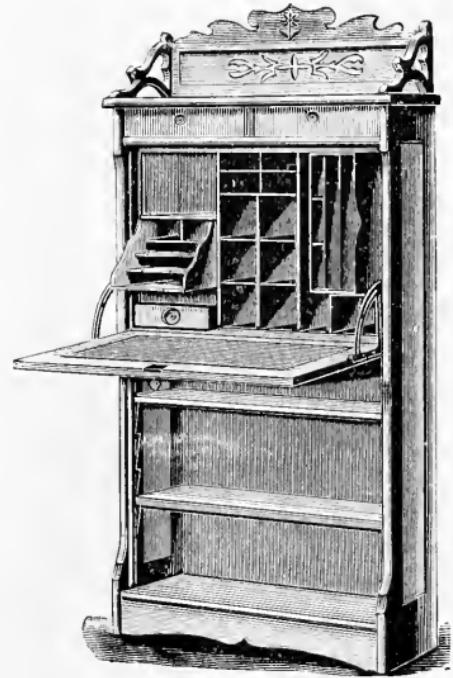


No. 30.

Is an office desk for use in standing position, artistically and finely finished in oak, with drawers both sides. Space occupied, 72 x 30 inches and 45 inches high in front. Strong, substantial, and suited for any office or bank.



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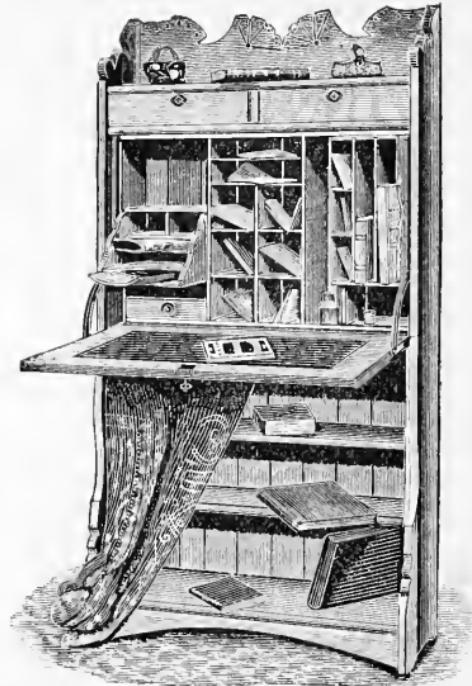
OPEN.

No. 10.

**“Favorite” Combination Desk.**—SIZE: Height, 65 inches; width, 32 inches; depth, 13 inches; writing table, 20 x 30 inches; Automatic lock on drawer. We put the “Novelty” pen and pencil holder into this desk only. Brass rod and rings for curtains. Weight, packed ready for shipment, 125 pounds.



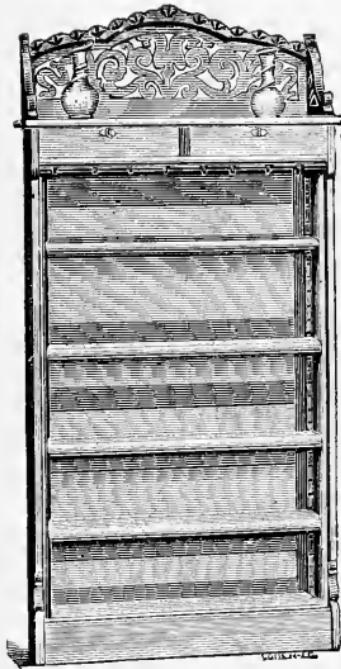
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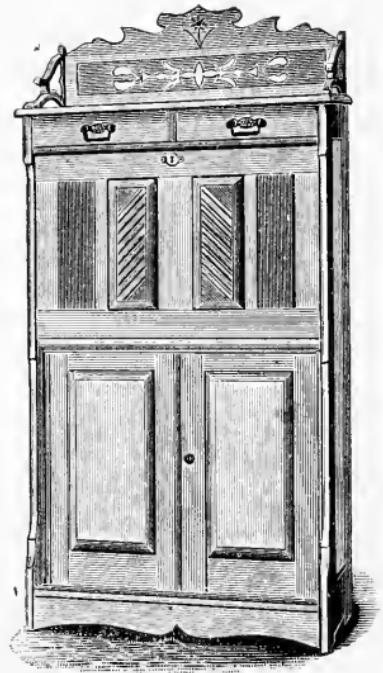
SIZE: Height, 59 inches; width, 32 inches; writing table, 20 x 30 inches; depth 13 inches; weight, ready for shipment, 125 pounds.



OPEN.

## No. 7.

**The "Popular" Book Case.**—SIZE: Height, 65 inches; width, 32 inches; depth, 13 inches; two drawers with brass locks, four shelves, three movable and one stationary; brass rod and rings; weight, ready for shipment, 100 pounds.



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## No. 11.

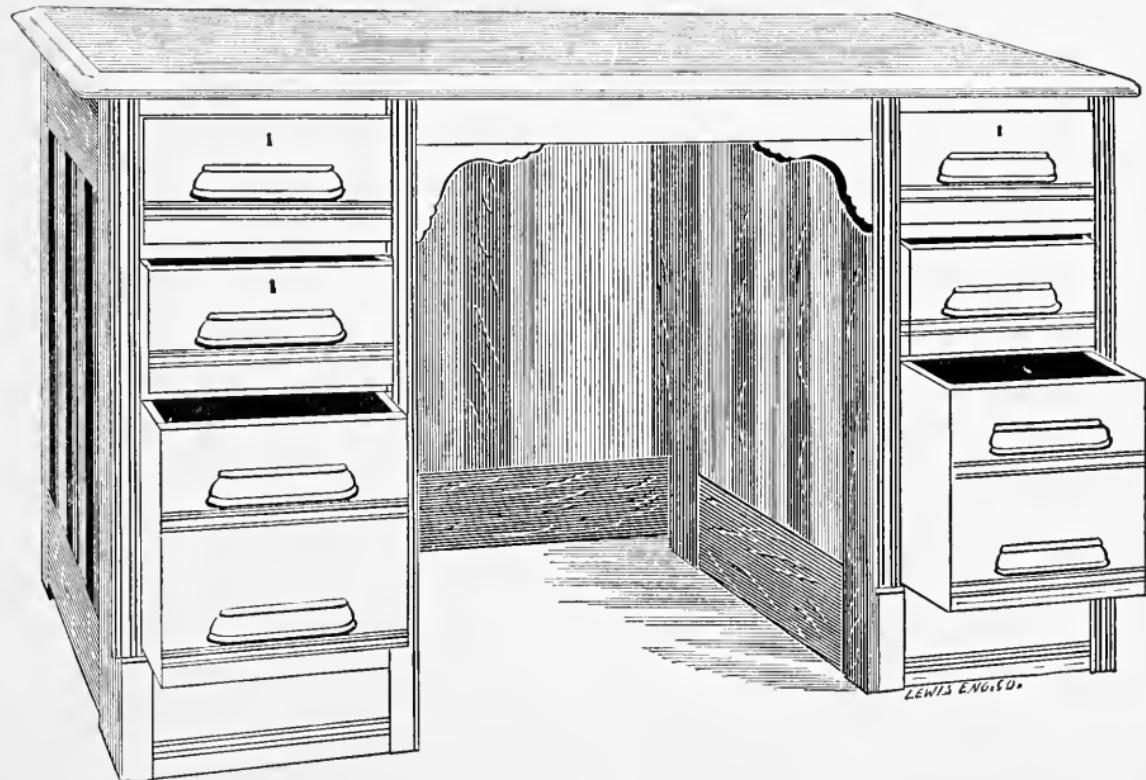
Is the same as No. 10, with the exception of having doors, either wooden or of glass, for covering book case, instead of curtains as on No. 10.

## No. 32.

A beautiful and elegantly finished Desk. Top flat. Either in Walnut, Oak or Cherry Mahogany. Provided with automatic locks throughout. Is handsome and convenient.

SIZE: Height, 30 inches; width, 29 inches; length, 48 inches.

We have other sizes and designs in Flat Top Desks, and information as to prices, &c., will be furnished on application.



No. 32.

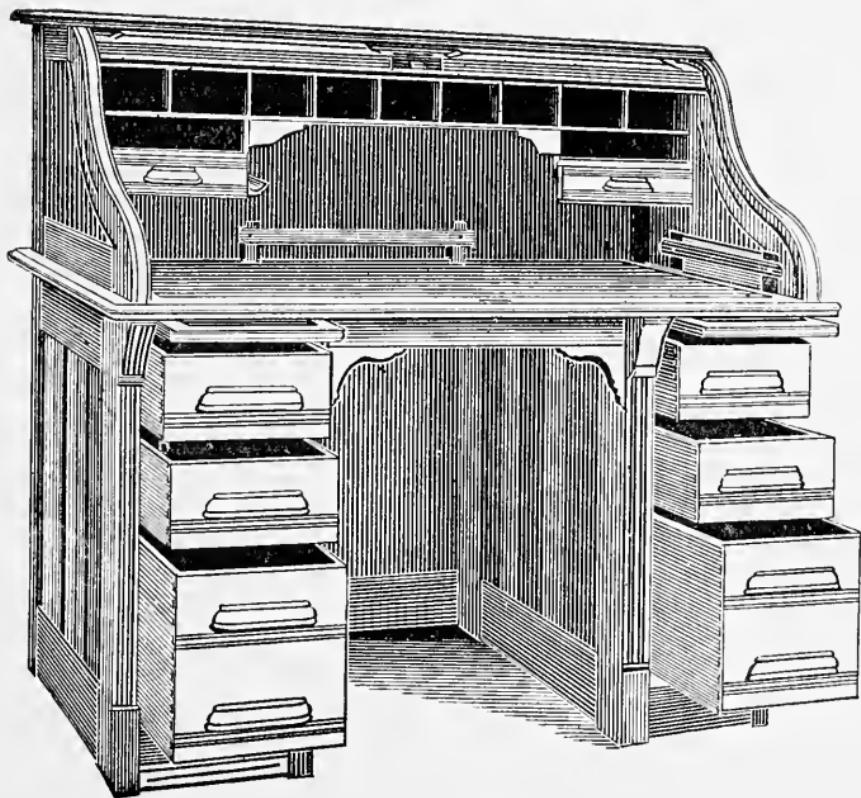
## No. 35.

A Roll Top Desk, elegantly made and finished outside and in, both front and back, and is an ornament in any part of a room either at center or side.

Made in Oak, Walnut and Cherry Mahogany; supplied with automatic locks.

SIZE: Height, 30 inches; width, 29 inches; length, 48 inches.

We carry other sizes and styles in Roll Tops, and will be pleased to furnish information and prices on application.



No. 35.

# INTERIOR ARRANGEMENT.

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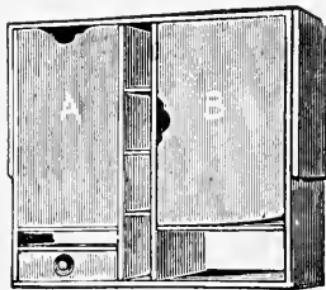


FIG. 1.



FIG. 2.

The above cut illustrates the interior arrangement, which is an important feature of all our desks. This is made entirely separate from the desk, so that it can be easily removed when the desk is to be fastened to the wall.

Fig. 1 shows "book-holder" and "paper case" closed.

Fig. 2 shows the same open. "A" is the paper case; this pulls directly forward and down when opened as shown by Fig. 2. This furnishes a place for legal and fools cap, note paper, and all sizes of envelopes. "B" is the book-holder. This is pivoted at top and bottom and turns to the right when opened, as shown by Fig. 2. The object of this arrangement is to furnish depth for large books and long commercial papers. You will observe that while the "Economy" Wall Desk is but nine inches deep, by this arrangement we furnish a depth of 13 x 9 x 2 inches for the accommodation of books. All superfluous and unnecessary parts are dispensed with.

# TERMS OF SALE.

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No goods shipped CONSIGNED or COMMISSIONED.

All prices are for goods crated and on board cars at Cortland, N. Y. WE PAY NO FREIGHTS.

All claims for errors or shortage, to secure recognition, must be made within five days after receipt of goods.

All remittances must be made to the CORTLAND DESK CO., LIMITED.

When money is sent by express, charges must be prepaid. Personal checks NOT ACCEPTED at par. Post Office Money Order or New York Draft should be sent.

All bills not settled at the expiration of THIRTY DAYS from date of bill, are subject to sight draft without further notice.

We are so situated as to be able to obtain (in all cases) the lowest possible freight rates. We cannot guarantee rates, but will see that our customers' interests are protected.

# WORDS FITLY SPOKEN.

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We find them here embodied in some of the many testimonials we are constantly in receipt of from some of the eminent men and women of our time, which are a guarantee of the worth and merit of our goods. Read :

**From Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D., Pastor of Plymouth Church Brooklyn, and Editor of The Christian Union.**

It seems to me the biggest *Multum* in the smallest *Parvo* I have ever seen. For convenience of packing away much store in small space it competes with the famous bee cells; and for convenience of getting at the store the bee cells are nowhere in comparison. It makes easy observance of the motto, "A place for everything, and everything in its place." If any words of mine can put this desk into a deskless home, I shall have put that home under obligation to me.

[Signed]

LYMAN ABBOTT.

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**From the Poet Whittier.**

Handsome and convenient. It exactly fills a niche which has long needed it.

[Signed]

JOHN G. WHITTIER.

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**From John J. Ingalls, United States Senator.**

The desk is very satisfactory. It is compact and commodious and its interior arrangements are unique and attractive

[Signed]

JOHN J. INGALLS.

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**From W. A. Croffut, Author and Journalist.**

"Senator Ingalls showed me a desk yesterday made by you which he thought an Ideal desk for compactness and utility. It so seemed to me."

**From President Taylor of Vassar College.**

Admirably adapted for its purpose. Occupies little room, is convenient and well arranged. I should think it a treasure for a summer cottage, where room is an object to be considered and where a desk is so commonly wanting.

[Signed]

J. M. TAYLOR.

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**From Bishop Huntington, Diocese of Central New York.**

It is no more in anybody's way when it is shut than the wall itself, and when it is open it is a nest of convenience. The whole thing, pigeon-holes writing table, shelves and all, could be packed in the bottom of a "Saratoga trunk." It ought to go all over the world.

[Signed]

F. D. HUNTINGTON.

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**From the Secretary of the Wells, Richardson Co., Burlington, Vt.**

If you could hear Mrs. Van Patten's praises of your desk to friends who call upon her, you would think you had struck a very popular supply of a real want. The desk is thoroughly satisfactory in every way and we are sure will please every one who purchases.

[Signed]

W. J. VAN PATTEN.

**From "Marion Harland."**

We consider the wall desk made by your company pretty, commodious and a boon beyond price to the dwellers in cottages and flats. Even in my large house I find mine a signal convenience.

[Signed] MARY VIRGINIA TERHUNE.

**From Judge Thomas S. Buckham, Faribault, Minn., who ordered by mail.**

In all respects it is fully up to the advertised programme—a very strange experience with me.

[Signed] THOMAS S. BUCKHAM.

**From the Principal of Lawrence St. School, Newark, N. J.**

Your desk is a grand good thing. The more I see of it, the more I like it. With it in the market, there is no reason why every man, woman and child should not have a writing-desk.

[Signed] WM. M. GRIFFIN.

**From the Superintendent of Schools, Duluth, Minn.**

I believe the "Economy" desk is one of the most indispensable pieces of furniture we have in our home, besides being an ornament as a wall cabinet. I would not part with it for considerable money if I could not get another like it. Mrs. Denfield has as high an appreciation of it as myself.

[Signed] R. E. DENFIELD.

**From the Agent U. S. Express Co., Orange, N. J.**

The "Economy" wall desk I ordered of you arrived in due time. I consider it one of the most complete articles I ever saw. The interior arrangement is such as to make its adaption perfect. Its great utility for the amount of space occupied is wonderful. I would most emphatically recommend it to all in need of a desk.

[Signed] W. H. SPENDLEY.

**From the Professor of Science, Binghamton High School, Binghamton, N. Y.**

I consider the wall desk, manufactured by the Cortland Desk Co., Lim., a very handsome desk, especially for use where space is to be economized.

[Signed] H. L. GRIFFIS, A. M.

**From the President of the Elmira School of Commerce, Elmira, N. Y.**

The "Economy" wall desk arrived in good condition. To say I am pleased with it but mildly expresses my appreciation of its many good qualities.

[Signed] N. A. MILLER.

**From the Agent of Adams Express Company, Sunbury, Pa.**

This desk is one of the most complete arrangements I have ever seen. It is a treasure that every household should have. It combines beauty and usefulness seldom found in such a small piece of furniture.

[Signed] P. A. HUBER.

**From the Chatelet Club, Newark, N. J.**

The "Economy" wall desk meets all requirements and is a first-class article. It is a valuable addition to our club rooms.

[Signed] GEO. E. SPEER.

**From the Architectural Era, Syracuse, N. Y.**

The desk came in good shape and I am well pleased with it. It has every convenience of a larger and more expensive desk. It is a fine ornament, and when closed is entirely out of the way. My wife is delighted with it, and no better gift could be bought for any lady. My neighbor has just ordered one from seeing mine.

[Signed] FRANK S. HALE.

**From Oliver Wendell Holmes.**

A beautiful wall desk and a very handsome and convenient piece of furniture.

[Signed] OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

**From the Ex-State Treasurer of New York.**

Useful, beautiful, ingenious and a marvel of convenience, and compactness. It is without a rival.

[Signed] LAWRENCE J. FITZGERALD.

**From a Prominent Banker, Jackson, Minn.**

The desk arrived yesterday. I had it put up at once. We are very much pleased with it. Mrs. Brown thinks it is the handsomest and will be the most useful piece of furniture she has.

[Signed] JOHN K. BROWN.

**From L. E. Parsons, Cumings, D. T.**

The desk received and put up. I like it very much and do not see, now, how I could do without it. It is *Multum in Parvo*.

[Signed] L. E. PARSONS.

**From the Standard Iron Co., Bridgeport, Ohio.**

We have received the desks. They will fill the bill admirably. We will probably be the means of sending you some orders.

[Signed] THE STANDARD IRON CO., IRWIN.

**From the Secretary of Good Templars Life Association,  
Findlay Ohio.**

GENTLEMEN:—We yesterday received your desk and are inexpressibly delighted with it. I have written and will publish in the North American as good a complimentary notice as I could prepare for it which we will be pleased to insert free, and tender you any other service in our power.

[Signed] CHAS. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

**From The Medical Summary.**

GENTLEMEN:—The No. 5 Cherry Desk sent us has arrived. We put it up and my wife has it in use ever since and she considers it a most useful as well as ornamental fixture to her room. All who see it express themselves as perfectly delighted with the idea.

[Signed] R. H. ANDREWS, M. D.

**From Oscar F. Jones, Pharmacist, Brooklyn, N. Y.**

GENTLEMEN:—I am very much pleased with the desk and if you have any one inquiring from my neighborhood, refer them to me and I should be pleased to show them the desk and tell them what I think about it.

[Signed] O. F. JONES, Pharmacist.

**From the Manager of the Indicator, Detroit, Michigan.**

The No. 4½ desk which we ordered of you for our office came to hand in good order, and is so perfectly satisfactory and so completely fills the bill that we have decided to order another of you. We herewith enclose an order for one of your No. 4 desks.

[Signed] FRANK H. LEAVENWORTH.

**From G. A. Jennison, Bridgeport, Conn.**

GENTLEMEN:—The desk arrived yesterday in perfect order. Must say it is one of the most useful pieces of furniture in my house, and having used it only two days would now be at a loss without it. It is the most convenient desk for the space required I ever saw and I will gladly speak a good word for it wherever the occasion permits.

[Signed] G. A. JENNISON

**From Joseph Horne, Pittsburg, Pa.**

The desk arrived in good condition and gives good satisfaction. I will recommend it to all my friends desiring a desk.

[Signed] JOSEPH HORNE.

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